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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Kent MALMGREN et al) Group Art Unit: 1623
Application No.: 09/101,341) Examiner: E. White
Filed: July 8, 1998)
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING AN)
ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN)
ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND)
ABSORBENT ARTICLES INCLUDING)
THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION)

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

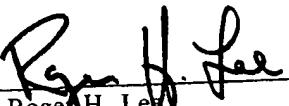
Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark refund an overpayment made in connection with the above-identified application for the following reasons:

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Accordingly, the Commissioner is hereby requested to credit the overpayment of \$320.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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